

(b) to (d) Adult Education Programme in the State was pursued during these years under schemes run by Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies. Among the Non-Governmental agencies, the beneficiaries under the programme of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and Voluntary Agencies during these three years were 43,500 and 44,623 respectively. They included persons from all communities including backward classes, Scheduled Castes and minorities. The part time and voluntary workers under the schemes of State Adult Education Programme and Rural Functional Literacy Project sought legal redress on their demand for a scale of pay and due to Protected Litigation the programme virtually came to a stand still during this period.

Kathputli Folk Art of Rural India

4307. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kathputli, the folk art of rural India, is fast diminishing;

(b) if so, the steps proposed by the Government for promotion of this art;

(c) the number of persons involved in this field;

(d) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to them; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Kathputli, the folk art of rural India (especially, that of Rajasthan) is diminishing.

(b) Sangeet Natak Akademi has launched a scheme "Promotion & preservation of puppetry" in 1985, under which various measures have been taken up such as organizing puppet festivals, conducting puppet

theatre workshops of traditional puppeteers with contemporary puppeteers and providing financial assistance to puppet groups for their performances. Under all these programmes, Kathputli has been given its due share and importance. The Centre for Cultural Resources & Training is training teachers on the use of puppetry for education. The Department of Culture, under the scheme of "Financial assistance to Dance, Drama and Ensembles", is giving financial assistance for salary and production grant to puppet theatre groups.

(c) The exact number of persons involved in this field is not available.

(d) and (e) Financial assistance is being provided by the Government and by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as indicated in para (b) of the reply.

[English]

Plots in Jharoda Kalan to SC and ST

4308. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether plots were allotted to Scheduled Castes in village Jharoda Kalan, Najafgarh Block, Delhi during the year 1976;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the possession of plots has been given to all the allottees;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the possession will be given to the allottees to whom the possession has not yet given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Delhi Administration has reported that no such allotment has been made in 1976.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to 'a' above.